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Preparations for the International Conference
on Population and Development

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in
paragraph 17 of the report of the Economic Committee (E/1993/112)

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31
of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3, the Economic and Social Council would decide to extend the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development by one week and ensure that adequate facilities are available for it within the approved budget limit set by the General Assembly for the biennium 1994-1995. The Council would also decide to convene a two-day pre-Conference consultation at the venue of the Conference.

2. The conference-servicing requirements for the proposed extension of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference would amount to US$ 462,400, estimated on a full-cost basis. These estimates are broken down as follows: pre-session documentation (US$ 161,100), in-session documentation (US$ 120,100), post-session documentation (US$ 110,100) and interpretation (US$ 71,100).

3. The conference-servicing requirements for the proposed two-day pre-Conference consultation are estimated, on a full-cost basis, at US$ 50,000.

4. It is also estimated that an amount of US$ 5,000 would be required to cover additional subsistence payments to the representatives of the regional commissions attending the third session. This additional cost would be absorbed from within the resources to be approved for the regional commissions in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

5. In accordance with established practice, the conference-servicing requirements referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above (US$ 512,400) were calculated on a full-cost basis for information purposes. These estimates are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1994-1995 to be adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session. It should be noted, however, that the 1994-1995 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings will be estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1994-1995 will be consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that, should the Economic and Social Council adopt the draft resolution under consideration, this resolution would have no programme budget implications for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

6. The above costs would be reported to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session in the context of the revised estimates arising from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its current session.